Agenda

Vernon College Housing and Food Service Committee

May 11, 2011 1:30 pm Vernon College Board Room

Committee Purpose - To monitor and review functions and services associated with housing and food service.

Responsibilities:

- 1. To meet in May to review matters concerning dormitory life and campus food service. (October meeting did not occur as we did not have the standing committee list.)
- 2. To foster a good relationship between personnel of the food service provider and the college community.
 - Report from John B. Hardin III and Garry David about Great Western Dining contract.
 - Review of Food Service Survey
- 3. To recommend ways to make dormitory living an integral part of the College experience.
 - Report from Tony Perez on renovation of the dorm basement furniture.
 - Report from John B. Hardin III of installation of wireless internet service to both Vernon College Housing facilities.
- 4. To promote a learning environment in the residence halls that supports the educational mission of the institution. Discussion:

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The Vernon College Housing and Food Service Committee met on May 11, 2011 at 1:30 pm in the Board Room of the *Osborne Administration Building* with the following present: John Hardin III, Bobby Scott, Brandi Ballard, Chris Bell, Christie Lehman, Dina Neal, John Blair, John Mahoney, Rhonda Knox, and Tony Perez. Absent members were Roger Blackmon, Toni Bell, and Valerie Armstrong. Additional persons present were Samantha Hoelscher, Taylor Steward, Kristin Harris, Holli Reyna, Sjohonton Fanner, Kevin Lallmann, and Jacqueline Hymer.

- 1. John Hardin III, Dean of Student Services/Athletic Director called the meeting to order.
- 2. An Agencies for Assistance list was discussed. The numbers and addresses were all updated. The Agency list is given to dorm students. Some of the agencies are headquartered in Wichita Falls and others outside of Vernon have 1-800 numbers.
- 3. Three agencies were pointed out that are not included on the list: Goodwill, Pregnancy Help Center, and Wilbarger Wellness Center. John Hardin III stated that these will certainly be added to the agency list.
- 4. The report on Vernon College's food service provider, Great Western Dining, was discussed. Proposed rates for 2011-2012 were addressed, stating that there are 75 feeding days in the fall and 77 feeding days in the spring. The proposed room and board rate for 2011-2012 is \$3,552.00. This is approximately \$102 more than the 2010-2011 rate, which is a 2.96% increase.
- 5. Sjohonton Fanner asked about adding weekend brunches and dinner meals for housing students. John Hardin III explained that the rates are based on meals per week, and changing that in any way would affect the cost.
- 6. Dina Neal asked what the students in the dorms do on Saturdays and Sundays for meals when they do not have cars.
- 7. Tony Perez, Housing Director, explained the students without vehicles have means for transportation: Students have roommates or friends who have vehicles. If students absolutely have no transportation, they are aware they can ask Tony for a ride. Also, 7 restaurants are within walking distance from the Vernon College dorms.
- 8. A motion to request meal rates from Great Western Dining for a lesser number of meals per week was made by John Blair and seconded by Chris Bell.

- 9. Great Western Dining Customer comments were read. Overall a greater variety of food has been requested during all meals and that the side items match the main entrée being served. Numerous items were discussed, including healthier choices, fruits at each meal, and a separate sandwich bar.
- 10. A motion that an improved sandwich bar be implemented was made by John Blair and seconded by Chris Bell.
- 11. The quality of service for Great Western Dining was rated as being acceptable, according to a student survey.
- 12. A motion was made for Great Western Dining to have themed nights (Mexican, Chinese, Italian) once a week by Samantha Hoelscher and seconded by Bobby Scott.
- 13. Additions to the dorm basement were discussed. Furniture will be recovered for a good price. The new carpet from last summer is holding up well. There are 4 chairs that were found at the maintenance building that will be added to the dorm basement.
- 14. John Mahoney said they are doing an as needed paint schedule for rooms.
- 15. It was pointed out that physical damage to dorms and maintenance problems were low this year. This was accredited to the housing staff. John Hardin III commended the housing staff for their efforts.
- 16. A motion was made by Chris Bell and seconded by John Mahoney to have specific parking for dually trucks adjacent to the dorms. The parking spots in the parking lots were not made for dually trucks and the drivers are being penalized with tickets.
- 17. Installation of wireless internet to both Vernon College dorms is in the near future. John Blair pointed out that the wireless internet will be a big recruiting plus for the students.
- 18. Dean Hardin informed the committee of a meeting with Great Western Dining Food Service Director; Teresa Willett is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011. At that time all issues of concern will be addressed.
- 19. With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Lallmann and seconded by Kristin Harris. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.